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1. Six or seven kilometers northeast of the village of Moinesti there is an oil field that has been in operation since before World War II. A pipe line takes the oil from the wells to the edge of Moinesti, where there is a refinery and a railroad station. Before World War II the oil wells and the refinery were owned by a Jew named Haimzon. At the end of World War II the refinery was nationalized and Haimzon committed suicide. The oil wells and the refinery are still in operation and the daily production is reportedly 60 to 100 railroad cars of ten-ton capacity.
2. About six kilometers southeast of the village of Moinesti and 15 to 16 kilometers northeast of the village of Comanesti, there is a fairly large area called Zemes. Soviet and Rumanian experts prospected the ground in this area about two and a half years ago and found indications of large oil deposits. A large refinery was constructed in 1950 at the village of Darmanesti, about 20 kilometers southwest of Zemes. The crude oil is carried south from Zemes to Darmanesti by a pipe line about twelve and one-half inches in diameter. The pipe line passes by the village of Comanesti. The refinery is located on the northeast edge of Darmanesti in a wooded area. A railroad line runs from the refinery along the north and northwest edge of Darmanesti, and ends at the southwest corner of the village at the Valea Uzului railway station. The length of the railroad line is about six kilometers. From the Valea Uzului station the oil is sent from Rumania to the Soviet Union, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. The daily production of the refinery is between 300 and 400 tank cars of ten-ton capacity and is guarded by a detachment of Rumanian troops. The refinery belongs to Sovrompetrol, a Soviet-Rumanian joint enterprise. The workers at the refinery are Rumanian and the supervisors are Soviets.
3. New oil deposits which yielded only small quantities of oil were discovered in 1951 at Doftana, a village of some 2,500 inhabitants located about eight kilometers south of Darmanesti. The oil is transported to the Darmanesti refinery by horse-drawn vehicles. Prospecting and test drilling at Doftana were still in progress at the beginning of 1952. Prospecting was also in progress during

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April 1951 at Targul Ocna, a town some fifteen kilometers south of Darmanesti.

4. Oil has been found at the village of Casin, which is about 15 kilometers west of Onesti. Oil was also discovered at Siscutare, a town 15 kilometers north-west of Casin. The oil in this area was not being exploited because the refinery at Onesti had not yet been completed. The Onesti refinery will be located near a lumber mill which is about 1,000 meters south of Onesti. Machinery for the refinery began arriving in April 1952.

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